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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/OTS  
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SUBJECT : Creation of a joint OTS/OSO technical development group

We talked last week about mounting a study to think about the possible creation of a joint OTS/OSO technical development group. I asked that before we go very far down that road that the two of you prepare a list of the issue areas that such a study might examine so that all of us could consider this before going further. Following are some of the questions that I at least would have in mind:

1. What would the functional charter of such a group be? Which portions of the R&D tasks (if any) might be retained by OSO and OTS?
2. What sort of development philosophies exist in OSO and OTS - what should be the philosophy of the new group, and can we get from here to there?
3. What would the reporting channels of such a group be?
4. What sort of process would allow this group to figure out what priorities should be attached to which projects?
5. How would personnel be assigned to such a group? Roughly what proportion of the staff would be "permanent cadre" and what portion would be expected to move back and forth between the offices?
6. What physical space implications would arise from the creation of such a group? In particular what would need to be done in order to make sure that all the members of such a group were located within walking distance of each other?
7. What sort of technical support (if any) might such a group give
8. What disruption in existing physical arrangements, reporting lines, etc., would be generated?
9. Would such an arrangement strengthen or weaken OTS/OSO support to the DDO?

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